

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 361. An act to designate certain conduct by sports agents relating to the signing of contracts with student athletes as unfair and deceptive acts or practices to be regulated by the Federal Trade Commission.

H.R. 1954. An act to revise the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act relating to naturalization through service in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 177. Concurrent resolution recognizing and commending the members of the United States Armed Forces and their leaders, and the allies of the United States and their armed forces, who participated in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq and recognizing the continuing dedication of military families and employers and defense civilians and contractors and the countless communities and patriotic organizations that lent their support to the Armed Forces during those operations.

The message further announced that the House insists upon its amendment to the bill (S.3) to prohibit the procedure commonly known as partial-birth abortion, an asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following members to be the managers of the conference on the part of the House: From the Committee on the Judiciary for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. HYDE, and Mr. NADLER.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 192. An act to amend the Microenterprise for Self-Reliance Act of 2000 and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to increase assistance for the poorest people in developing countries under microenterprise assistance programs under those Acts, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 5:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1474. An act to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 190. Concurrent resolution to establish a joint committee to review House and Senate rules, joint rules, and other matters assuring continuing representation and congressional operations for the American people.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 222. An act to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in Apache County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

S. 273. An act to provide for expeditious completion of the acquisition of land owned by the State of Wyoming within the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 361. An act to designate certain conduct by sports agents relating to the signing of contracts with student athletes as unfair and deceptive acts or practices to be regulated by the Federal Trade Commission; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1474. An act to facilitate check truncation by authorizing substitute checks, to foster innovation in the check collection system without mandating receipt of checks in electronic form, and to improve the overall efficiency of the Nation's payments system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 177. Concurrent resolution recognizing and commending the members of the United States Armed Forces and their leader, and the allies of the United States and their armed forces, who participated in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq and recognizing the continuing dedication of military families and employers and defense civilians and contractors and the countless communities and patriotic organizations that lent their support to the Armed Forces during those operations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H. Con. Res. 190. Concurrent resolution to establish a joint committee to review House and Senate rules, joint rules, and other matters assuring continuing representation and congressional operations for the American people; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2547. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of Transportation, case number 02-08, in the amount of \$5,380,764, received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2548. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Air Force, case number 01-03, in the amount of \$1,919,682, received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2549. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Navy, case number 00-02, in the amount of \$1,321,000, received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2550. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Division of Transportation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Distribution of Fiscal Year 2003 Indian Reservation Roads Funds (RIN 1076-AE34)" received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-2551. A communication from the Chair, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the submission of 7 recommendations for legislative action, received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-2552. A communication from the Chairman, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Second Report of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-2553. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule for Rating Disabilities Evaluation of Tinnitus (2900-AK86)" received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2554. A communication from the Associate Deputy Administrator, Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administrator, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to Minority Small Business and Capitol Ownership Development, received on June 1, 2003; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2555. A communication from the Acting Deputy General Counsel, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards; Job Corps Centers (3245-AF02)" received on May 20, 2003; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-2556. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Claimant Identification Pilot Projects (0960-AF79)" received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2557. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appeals Settlement Guideline: Leasing Promotions—Lease Stripping Transactions (UIL 9300.03-00)" received on May 27, 2003; to the Committee on Finance.